

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 28, 2007 in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. Applicants have filed the Request for Continued Examination to submit the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Claims 1-4, 7, 11-16, 19, 21-28, 32-43, 46, 50-55, 58, 60-67, 71-79, and 88-160 stand allowed. Claim 79 has been amended. Claim 80 has been cancelled. New Claims 161-163 have been added. Please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing in connection with this Response.

To expedite prosecution of this application, and in accordance with the indications of allowability by the Examiner, the following amendments have been made and new claims have been added as set forth below:

A. Claim 79 has been amended to include the elements of objected to Claim 80. Applicants have deleted part of Claim 79 to avoid redundancy caused by the additional elements of objected to Claim 80. Claim 80 has been cancelled.

B. Objected to Claim 84 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 161.

C. Objected to Claim 85 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 162.

D. Objected to Claim 86 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 163.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending Claims are now in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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